WAHT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub Q 1. A photoelectric converting apparatus comprising:

a sensor unit including a plurality of pixels each having at least photoelectric converting means and first amplifying means for amplifying a signal derived from said photoelectric converting means to output the amplified signal; and

a memory unit including a plurality of memories

10 each having at least storing means for storing

thereinto the signal derived from said sensor unit and
second amplifying means for amplifying a signal derived
from said storing means to output an amplified signal
wherein

a gain of said first amplifying means is made different from a gain of said second amplifying means.

2. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first amplifying means and said second amplifying means are constituted by MOS transistors.

3. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said first amplifying means and said second amplifying means are constituted by both amplifying MOS transistors and load MOS transistors.

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- 4. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein a conductance of the load MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a conductance of the load MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.
- 5. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a gate length of the load MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate length of the load MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.
- 6. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a gate width of the load MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate length of the load MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.
- 7. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein a gate oxide layer thickness of the load MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate oxide layer thickness of the load MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.

8. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein a conductance of the amplifying MOS

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transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a conductance of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.

9. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a gate length of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate length of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.

- 10. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein a gate width of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate width of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.
- according to Claim 8, wherein a gate oxide layer thickness of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said first amplifying means is made different from a gate oxide layer thickness of the amplifying MOS transistor included in said second amplifying means.

12. A photoelectric converting apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising transferring

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means for amplifying the signal derived from said sensor unit and/or said memory unit to transfer the amplified signal to said sensor unit and/or said memory unit.